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tion of the bottom suitable for oyster-farming, "and it is safe to estimate the total area of valuable oyster-ground in our state at one thousand square miles." If this vast area could be properly developed, there should be a good supply for years to come. The author points out clearly what should be done, and we trust he will have the coöperation of every intelligent man in saving and redeeming this great industry.

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Sea-shore Life.¹—Dr. Mayer has presented to the public a popular work which, while not without merit, shows a carelessness in arrangement and constant misstatement of facts which we hardly expect in these days when accuracy and precision of classification are considered of paramount importance.

The book presents a truly attractive appearance, and the figures with few exceptions are new and really valuable. The closing table of references seems well chosen.

The text, however, is the part which gives most evident signs of hasty preparation. The sections dealing with "Jellyfishes and Hydroids" and with "Sea Anemones and Corals" reveal no startling peculiarities, nor, except for rather unimportant details, do the following sections until we arrive at that entitled "The Crustaceans." Here the arrangement is startling indeed. Under the subheading "The Barnacles," the following genera are discussed and figured: *Balanus*, *Coronula*, *Lepas*, *Homarus*, *Palinurus*, and *Alpheus*. "The Crayfishes" follow in a perfectly rational manner. Next come "Shrimps and Prawns." On page 89 we read: "Shrimps are known to science as the Schizopoda!" And now these following genera, presumably Schizopods are discussed *Crangon*, *Palæmonetes*, *Penæus*, *Stenopus*, and last but by no means the least in this connection, *Mysis*. Among the "Hermit Crabs" we find *Hippa* and *Squilla*. On page 107, *Geocarcinus* occurs among the "Fiddler Crabs," and under this same main heading the spider crabs and *Limulus*. Among the molluscs under the heading "The Fresh-water Mussels," we find *Pecten*, *Anomia*, and *Meleagrina*.

We must not, however, presume to be hypercritical. For all its peculiarities this book will probably amuse as many as it leads away from the devious paths of correct scientific classification.

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¹Mayer, A. G. *Sea-shore Life. The Invertebrates of the New York Coast.* New York Aquarium Series, No. 1. Published by the New York Zoölogical Society, 1905. 8vo, 181 pp., 119 figs.